

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1597

Introduced by Assembly Member Runner

February 21, 2003

An act relating to health facilities and clinics, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1597, as introduced, Runner. Health facilities and clinics.

Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of health facilities and clinics by the State Department of Health Services.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to establish a new licensing category, known as the multiservice ambulatory care center, that would be administered by the department.

The bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
2 legislation to establish a new licensing category, known as the
3 multiservice ambulatory care center, that would be administered
4 by the State Department of Health Services.

5 SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the
6 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety
7 within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go
8 into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

1 Local governments are experiencing serious budgetary
2 shortfalls that have resulted in the imminent closure of certain
3 inpatient health facilities, which would leave areas of the state
4 without access to adequate health care. Thus, in order to establish
5 a new licensing category and procedure that would allow an
6 inpatient health facility that is no longer able to provide inpatient
7 services and that would otherwise be required to terminate
8 operations, to continue operating under the new licensing category
9 as a multiservice ambulatory care center and provide as many
10 critical medical services as the facility is qualified and able to
11 provide at the earliest possible time, it is necessary that this act take
12 effect immediately.

